

  
**THE VOICE**  
Of Pentecost Lutheran Church

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*As forgiven children of God, we, the Pentecost Family of Faith, are committed to show everyone Life in Christ.*

**“In keeping with God’s promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”** (2 Peter 3:13)

What will happen to us on judgment day? The Apostle Peter answered that very simply. “In keeping with God’s promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.” On judgment day we will inherit a home of righteousness. That’s good news! It is even better news when considered in contrast to what we have deserved.

When you woke up this morning, what was the first thing on your mind, “Today is Friday; it’s laundry day,” or “I only have an hour to get to work,” or, “I wonder if it snowed last night”? If you are like me, the morning’s first effort involves clearing the cobwebs from the brain and routinely mulling over the day’s upcoming activities. Tomorrow morning let’s try something different. Let’s turn our attention to spiritual matters. “Where do I stand in relation to my God?”

If we take a look at ourselves in the mirror of God’s perfect standards, the thought of standing before God isn’t all that pleasant. He is holy; we are not. By the sin we are born with, by the wrong that we do, and by the right we don’t do, we deserve the worst. Our worries, doubts, greed, envy and anger have separated us from God’s love. By all rights we have earned hell.

Thankfully, God is as merciful and forgiving as he is holy and just. He loaded onto his Son all our wrongs and transferred to us Jesus’ perfection. Because of Jesus we won’t get what we deserved; we will get what HE earned. Now that is a truth worth holding onto as we begin each day. As we begin a New Year!

So what will happen to people on judgment day? When Christ Jesus appears in all his glory on that day, all the dead will be raised and brought before him with all the living. Those who have rejected God’s mercy will be condemned, body and soul, to the eternal pain of hellfire and eternal separation from God’s love. In the same moment, believers in Jesus will have their bodies glorified, and body and soul they will be with the Lord forever. As you sit on the edge of your bed tomorrow morning, ask yourself, “Where do I stand in relation to God?” What will happen to me on judgment day?” Then think of the Savior, Jesus. He has prepared for us a home of righteousness. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above. Amen.



## Birthdays

Richard Rognsvoog-01/01	Raynae Hensel – 01/22
Mason Wagner – 01/01	Mia Ekstowicz – 01/25
Dale Petrowsky – 01/06	Dave Wagner – 01/25
Sharon Boehme – 01/08	Sue Murcek – 01/27
Kathy McGregor – 01/13	Anne Chasar – 01/28
Andrea Wilkinson – 01/13	Corrine Schrubbe – 01/28
Grant Barclay – 01/17	
Walter Wilckens – 01/19	

### 2019 Church Council

<b>President</b>	Tim Hasko
<b>Vice President</b>	Mike Wilkinson
<b>Secretary</b>	Sue Hasko
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Hasko
<b>Board of Elders</b>	Jonathan Lisowski Dave Wagner John Boeme
<b>Board of Education</b>	Teresa Barthel Chrissy Hamilton Amy Luxem
<b>Board of Stewardship</b>	Jenna Geyer Joyce Hasko Katie Gullicksrud
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	Matt Luxem Mike McCray Dan Geyer
<b>Board of Missions &amp; Evangelism</b>	Kathy McGregor Katy Wagner Kristi Barfield
<b>Members at Large</b>	Mike Mueller Kyle Jacob Bob Winterle

Installation of the Church Council will take place during the service on January 6<sup>th</sup>.



Arlene & Robert Verborg  
54 years - January 16<sup>th</sup>



The 2019 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please sign up on the chart. Please indicate whether you are keeping them, otherwise your arrangement will be given to a local nursing home. Contact Sue Murcek or Janet Greco if you have any questions.



A new directory will be printed soon. If you would like to change or add any information, please let Sue Hasko know by either calling the church office or making corrections on the directory sitting on the table in the narthex. You can also e-mail your information to [pentecostlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:pentecostlutheran@gmail.com).



Make a quick trip ... to Kwik Trip! If you use gas.....and like Kwik Trip for gas, or other road trip beverages and snacks, this is the gift card for you! Our church recently started participating in the Kwik Trip Scrip program. The church purchases Kwik Trip gift cards at a 5% discount, and resells them to you at FACE VALUE. Literally, you get what you pay for. In addition to the 5% discount, the church also receives an additional rebate when these gift cards are used to purchase things other than gas at Kwik Trip (with certain exclusions). Gift cards are available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts. Please contact Tom Hasko at [TomHasko@gmail.com](mailto:TomHasko@gmail.com) or call or text him at (414) 828-7365 to reserve your cards.

**Christmas De-decorating** will take place on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The more people who show up the faster we will be done!



Congratulations to Dan Hasko who graduated from Concordia University-Chicago cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Spanish on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Stewardship Corner



**What's your  
special giving  
goal for 2019?**

## 1-1-1

There is Power and Strength in Many Giving a Little  
I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to give  
**ONE** \_\_\_\_\_ (penny, nickel, dime, quarter, dollar)  
As **ONE** member  
**ONe** a week  
Throughout the year of 2019

**1-1-1** This is your opportunity to give a little extra this year. Cards like the one above will be available for you to make a commitment with yourself to give a little extra something in 2019. Look for the special collection box on the table in the narthex. Each week put in what you have decided as your weekly goal. This is not in place of your regular church offering but a chance to make a difference by giving a little extra each week. We will choose a project for moneys collected and 10% will be given to missions.

Many thanks to our Sunday School students and staff for a beautiful program on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to our young musicians who provided the pre-service music – Raynae and Grace on flutes, Cullen (and Isabella) on piano, Lucy singing, and Isabella on bells (and piano). I got lucky and took their pictures before church. Didn't get a final group picture this year.

My thanks, also, to the many people who shared their musical talents in the 7 PM Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Courtney Jacob set the quiet mood at the beginning of the 7 PM service with her flute solo on Silent Night building up to the final singing of Silent Night with all the instruments reminding us of the glorious news of the angels that had to be shared with all – trumpets Tom and Dan Hasko, clarinets Tim Hasko and Sofia Luxem, flutes Courtney Jacob and Jenna Geyer. Sofia's solo, *So My Sheep May Safely Graze*, accompanied by her mom, Amy, reminded us of the job of the shepherds. Tom, Tim and Dan started us out with a trio on *Do You Hear What I Hear* and during the offering we added Teresa Barthel with a violin solo. Christmas day added Scott Hensel to the trumpets and Katy Wagner in a duet with Tom on *Mary's Little Boy Child*. God has truly blessed our congregation with these talented musicians as well as our Saturday musicians and others who participate during the year.

